

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising: ~~for enabling a server on a packet switched network to authenticate a user of a wireless terminal prior to granting the terminal access to a service administrated by the server, the method including:~~

initiating, from ~~the~~ a wireless terminal, transmission of a first set of user identification parameters to ~~the~~ a server over a first communication path;

transmitting, from the wireless terminal, a second set of user identification parameters to the server over a second communication path;

obtaining access, at the wireless terminal over the second communication path, to ~~the~~ a service in dependence on an authentication by the server based on a match between the first set of user identification parameters and the second set of user identification parameters.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said initiating step includes initiating transmission of an ~~SMS~~ (Short Message Service) message, which includes the first set of user identification parameters, from an ~~SMS-C~~ (Short Message Service Center) to the server.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein each set of said first set of user identification parameters and said second set of user identification parameters includes a user identification parameter and a password parameter.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the user identification parameter is a user name or an ~~MSISDN~~ (Mobile Station Integrated Services Digital Network) number.

5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the password parameter is a ~~PIN~~ (Personal Identity Number) code.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said authentication is further based on the transmission of said second set of user identification parameters within a predefined time limit following the transmission of said first set of user identification parameters.